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Education

J.D. from Baylor University School of Law
B.A. from Trinity University

Bar Admissions

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern,
Southern and Western Districts of Texas
Texas

Related Practices

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency
Asset Acquisitions
Committees
Creditors
Cross-Border Insolvency
Debtors
Insolvency Litigation
Trustees
Litigation
Director & Officer Litigation
Insolvency Litigation

Related Industries

Overview

Deborah's practice focuses on complex restructurings and liquidations, as well as complex commercial litigation. With 20 years of experience in the insolvency field, she represents a variety of parties including debtors, trustees, committees of unsecured creditors, landlords, lenders and insurers in a variety of different venues across the United States. She also has represented parties active in the energy, health care, retail and restaurant industries.

In the past, Deborah held a number of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving as the Shareholder Liaison to the Management Committee, the Co-Chair of the Recruiting Committee and the Co-Chair of the Firm's Women's Initiative Group, as well as the Chair of the Firm's Summer Associate Program.

Energy
Health Care
Retail
Restaurants

Achievements

Chambers USA – Leaders in Their Field,
Bankruptcy/Restructuring – Texas (2023-2025)

D Magazine – Best Lawyers in Dallas (2024)

Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society (President 2024-Present; Senior Fellow; Advisory Board, 2014-2019)

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent®, Peer Review Rated™

Thomson Reuters – Texas Super Lawyers (2014-2024);
Texas Super Lawyers: Women's Edition (2014-2020,
2022-2024)

Woodward/White, Inc. – Best Lawyers in America,
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization Law (2021-2025); Best Lawyers in
America, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2024-2025); Best
Lawyers in America, Women in the Law (2024)

Memberships

American Bankruptcy Institute
Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law
Section
International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring
Confederation
Litigation Counsel of America, Complex Commercial
Litigation Institute
State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law Section
Texas Bar Foundation (Lifetime Fellow)

Experience

Hospital Acquisition

Represented Texas Health Resources in its \$116.5 MM acquisition of Forest Park Medical Center located in Fort Worth, Texas, which was purchased through an auction process approved by the bankruptcy court. The hospital reopened in September 2016 as Texas Health Hospital Clearfork.

International Arbitration

Represented The Nolan Group as a claimant in an international arbitration featuring a nine-member arbitration panel. A majority of the panel awarded \$70 MM to the claimants in the arbitration.

Debtor Representation

Served as Chapter 11 debtor's counsel for Paul Reinhart, Inc., the fourth largest cotton merchant in the U.S. at the time, and the largest seller of organic cotton worldwide. With more than \$300 MM in claims asserted, the case successfully concluded through a structured settlement with multiple parties under the terms of the company's court-approved Chapter 11 plan.

Committee Representation

Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Majestic Liquor Stores, filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. The Debtors operated a chain of more than 30 liquor stores in Texas.

Trustee Representation

Represented the Chapter 11 Trustee in The Heritage Organization, LLC bankruptcy case filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. The Debtor developed, acquired and sold various tax elimination strategies to extremely wealthy individuals. The Trustee, along with certain creditors of the Debtor, successfully obtained confirmation of a plan of liquidation.

Committee Representation

Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of The Oceanaire Texas Restaurant Company, L.P., filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. The Debtors operated a chain of high-end seafood restaurants.

Trustee Representation

Represented the Chapter 11 Trustee in Medical Select Management, a bankruptcy case filed in Fort Worth, Texas. Medical Select Management is a non-profit, independent physician association with approximately 2,300 primary care physicians and providing services to enrollees of health care service plans and health benefit organizations.

Committee Representation

Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Avado Brands, Inc. and 64 of its subsidiaries, filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. The Debtors owned the restaurant chains, Don Pablo's and Hops Grillhouse and Brewery, which consisted of 168 restaurant locations throughout 22 states.

Newsroom

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Coach Two Moot Court Teams to Victory

Press Release: Claire Carroll and Casey Minnes Carter Appointed Co-Chairs of Munsch Hardt's Women's Initiative Group

Press Release: 2025 Chambers USA Directory Ranks Practices + Attorneys at Munsch Hardt

In The News: D Magazine's 2025 "Best Lawyers in Dallas" Features Nine Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Press Release: Texas Super Lawyers® Honors 14 Munsch Hardt Attorneys in 2024 Directory

Press Release: Fifty-Eight (58) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored in 2025 Best Lawyers in America Directory

Press Release: Best Lawyers in America® Names Twenty (20) Munsch Hardt Attorneys to 2024 "Women in the Law" Directory

Press Release: Chambers USA 2024 Directory Ranks Munsch Hardt Practices and Attorneys

Press Release: Thirteen (13) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to D Magazine's 2024 "Best Lawyers in Dallas" Directory

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Coach Two University Moot Court Teams to Victory

Press Release: Texas Super Lawyers® 2024 Top Women Attorneys List Recognizes Six (6) Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Speech: Complex Commercial Litigation Institute Summit

Speech: Ethical Issues in Bankruptcy: RSAs, Prepetition Prepayment of Employee Incentive, Common Interest Privilege Issues

Press Release: 14 Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Texas Super Lawyers® Directory

Press Release: 'Best Lawyers in America®' Names 51 Munsch Hardt Attorneys to its 2024 List and Two as 'Lawyers of the Year'

Press Release: Chambers USA 2023 Directory Highlights Munsch Hardt Practices + Attorneys

Press Release: 2022 Texas Super Lawyers® Recognizes 13 Munsch Hardt Attorneys

In The News: Brazos Gets Nod On Ch. 11 Plan Docs With ERCOT Deal

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2023 'Best Lawyers in America®,' 'Ones to Watch', and 'Lawyer of the Year'

In The News: Brazos Wants To Set Trial Date On ERCOT \$1.9B Ch. 11 Claim

In The News: CEO: Brazos in Great Shape Until Crippling Uri Bills

In The News: Brazos Execs Knew Electric Prices Would Soar Even Before Winter Storm Uri Hit

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2022 'Best Lawyers in America', 'Ones to Watch' and 'Lawyer of the Year'

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Wins "Corporate Turnaround of the Year" at 2021 Turnaround Atlas Awards

In The News: Baylor Law Team Wins National Championship at Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

Press Release: Fourteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as '2021 Best Lawyers in America' and 'Ones to Watch'

Speech: Hotel Owners + The Novel Coronavirus Webinars

Speech: Controversial Chapter 11 Plan Provisions

Speech: The Current Landscape: Gender Diversity, Pay Equity & Creating Change

Press Release: Sixteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized on 2019 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Fourteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Included on 2018 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Fourteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Texas Super Lawyers

Speech: Structuring Pre-Bankruptcy Transactions

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Congratulates its 13 Texas Super Lawyers

Speech: 'Chapter 3' Cases: What's the (Viable) Exit Strategy?

Speech: Trial Strategy, Tactics, and Technology in a \$7 Billion Case

Press Release: Twelve Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2015 Texas Super Lawyers

Speech: Trial Techniques: How to Bring a Boring Breach of Contract Case to Life

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2014 Super Lawyers

In The News: Female Powerbroker Q&A: Munsch Hardt's Deborah Perry

In The News: Vanderra to seek final OK to tap DIP, cash

Speech: Walking the Line: Hot Topics in Ethics

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Names New Shareholder in Dallas Office